

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A receiver includes a program type information editing unit, an editing result storage unit, and a program search processing unit. A single program is associated with a plurality of program types which represent the content of that program by a program provider. The program type information editing unit sets each of the program types "valid" or "invalid" as an object to be searched for when a program search is made, and stores the set result (editing result) in the editing result storage unit. When a user specifies desired program types to command a program search, the program search processing unit refers to the editing result stored in the editing result storage unit to search for only the program types that are set "valid", and that program types are searched through to find a desired program that is associated with the specified program types.